Flight operations for key tourism destination

2372. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has approached various airlines to operate flights to some key tourism destination in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reaction thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism approaches the Ministry of Civil Aviation and airlines from time to time with proposals regarding operation of flights to key tourism destinations in India in order to promote tourism. These requests are sent based on inter-se priorities, demands and the need to promote a particular destination vis-a-vis the target group.

Incredible India campaign

2373. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan has good potential for tourism, but it lacks infrastructure;

(b) whether the Central Government has undertaken any survey in the above context;

(c) if so, the details of the help and special aid that has been rendered by the Central Government to impove its infrastructure;

(d) what is the action Plan of the Centre under 'incredible India' campaign to help the State to develop its tourism industry;

(e) whether Government have sanctioned projects to showcase rural life, art, culture, and herigate in Rajesthan; and

(f) if so, destinations of the sanctioned projects and grants allotted, projects-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.